

## SENATE BILL No. 249

### DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

**Citations Affected:** IC 35-44-2-2.

**Synopsis:** False reporting. Makes false reporting, the offense committed by a person who falsely reports that: (1) an explosive or other destructive substance has been placed in a building or transportation facility; (2) there has been or will be consumer product tampering; or (3) a weapon of mass destruction has been or will be introduced in a building or place of assembly; a Class C felony instead of a Class D felony.

**Effective:** July 1, 2003.

### Alting

January 9, 2003, read first time and referred to Committee on Criminal, Civil and Public Policy.

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PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2002 Regular or Special Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT to amend the Indiana Code concerning criminal law and procedure.

*Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:*

1       SECTION 1. IC 35-44-2-2, AS AMENDED BY P.L.123-2002,  
2       SECTION 39, IS AMENDED TO READ AS FOLLOWS [EFFECTIVE  
3       JULY 1, 2003]: Sec. 2. (a) As used in this section, "consumer product"  
4       has the meaning set forth in IC 35-45-8-1.

5       (b) A person who reports, by telephone, telegraph, mail, or other  
6       written or oral communication, that:

7           (1) the person or another person has placed or intends to place an  
8           explosive, a destructive device, or other destructive substance in  
9           a building or transportation facility;

10          (2) there has been or there will be tampering with a consumer  
11          product introduced into commerce; or

12          (3) there has been or will be placed or introduced a weapon of  
13          mass destruction in a building or a place of assembly;

14       knowing the report to be false, commits false reporting, a ~~Class D~~  
15       **Class C** felony.

16       (c) A person who:

17           (1) gives a false report of the commission of a crime or gives false



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1 information in the official investigation of the commission of a  
2 crime, knowing the report or information to be false;

3 (2) gives a false alarm of fire to the fire department of a  
4 governmental entity, knowing the alarm to be false;

5 (3) makes a false request for ambulance service to an ambulance  
6 service provider, knowing the request to be false; or

7 (4) gives a false report concerning a missing child (as defined in  
8 IC 10-1-7-2) or gives false information in the official  
9 investigation of a missing child knowing the report or information  
10 to be false;

11 commits false informing, a Class B misdemeanor. However, the offense  
12 is a Class A misdemeanor if it substantially hinders any law  
13 enforcement process or if it results in harm to an innocent person.

14 SECTION 2. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2003] **IC 35-44-2-2, as**  
15 **amended by this act, applies only to crimes committed after June**  
16 **30, 2003.**

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